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*Elevating the voices of those impacted
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other environmental injustices to
advocate for a clean, healthy, and
equitable environment for people and
wildlife. Promoting place-keeping and
prioritizing community capacity and
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To EPA Region10:

Re: Comments on ESD for Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Proposed Explanation of Significant Differences* (ESD) draft document (January 2021) for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site (LDW) which would change the LDW Record of Decision (ROD) that was issued in 2014. We appreciate that you held a public meeting on February 17th on the proposed changes and that you have answered many of our questions. We were especially pleased [with the videos](#) in multiple languages on your webinars. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, DRCC has also been engaging with the community in creative ways including safe in-person gatherings, safe, socially distanced small events, and multilingual social media and video interactions to bring some of this information to the community as well as gather input. We prioritize the voices of those who are directly impacted by these changes and we will continue to do so to ensure that our impacted low-income and black/indigenous/people of color immigrant, refugee, and fisher communities who already suffer the greatest exposures and health disparities can be meaningfully informed and engaged.

Although we have done community engagement, we need to state that this proposed Explanation of Significant Differences comes at a very challenging time when our Duwamish Valley community members (an Environmental Justice community), are already facing many difficult challenges and inequities exacerbated by the pandemic. The COVID-19 disparities impacting Duwamish Valley communities of color, piled on top of existing pollution exposures, has been measurable. Our community has also been hit very hard by economic hardships as we have a high proportion of service workers who have been under- and unemployed by shutdowns as well as many who are ineligible for federal and local assistance programs due to lack of legal documentation. In addition, our children and youth are experiencing educational disruptions that have been very difficult for families to mitigate. **All of these factors lead to very high stress and even trauma that has made accessing highly technical messaging regarding Superfund concerns especially burdensome.**

We have two major concerns about the ESD which we describe below:

Uncertainty about the cancer risk of Benzo(a)Pyrene

DRCC has been in contact with University of Washington toxicologists and scientists who have reviewed the "Toxicological Review of Benzo(a)Pyrene" (BaP) dated January 2017. EPA reviewed 15 research studies. They excluded 12 that did not test for lifetime exposure, and of the three that were left, they eliminated one more due to its use of less stringent protocols and reporting than the two newest studies. The two remaining studies indicated that BaP is 7-times less toxic than the previous standard used by EPA, while the excluded lifetime study indicated BaP is about 1.5-

times more toxic than the previous standard (other studies also indicated a higher cancer risk than the new EPA standard). Although the selection of the two newest studies is consistent with EPA guidelines, UW scientists are concerned that inconsistent results across all the studies means that there is still a high level of uncertainty about the cancer risk of BaP.

In addition, health risk estimates for other carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs) have long been based on the toxicity of BaP. However, more recent science indicates these assumptions may not be protective and researchers who specialize in cPAHs say each chemical needs to be studied individually ("Proposed changes to Portland Harbor Superfund," Oregon State University Superfund Research Program (Nov. 2018)).

In light of this uncertainty about the toxicity of BaP and other cPAHs, DRCC would like to express its concern that the Remedial Action Levels for the LDW are being raised. To us, it appears that EPA is taking a large risk that could affect human health in an environmental justice community for a very small change (0.33% or \$1,117,000) in the overall cleanup costs. This is an environmental injustice that is unfair and burdensome to our Duwamish communities.

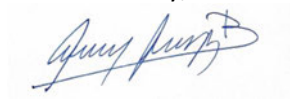
Uncertainty about cPAH partitioning from sediments to the water column

DRCC understands that there is no strong correlation between sediment cPAH concentrations and clam tissue concentrations. However, **DRCC is concerned that the revised cPAH sediment cleanup levels may impact clam tissue levels as PAHs and other contaminants in sediments dissolve into the water column and change water quality.** While DRCC acknowledges that Ecology is responsible for source control on the LDW, we are not convinced that their Green-Duwamish "Pollutant Loading Assessment" model will sufficiently capture the effects of contaminants in sediments on water quality. **We request that the EPA require testing of cPAH sediment partitioning to the water column in order to ensure a safe clam and fish consumption scenario. We believe that EPA should conduct testing and model cPAH water column concentrations with the revised sediment RALs *before* proceeding with the ESD.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We ask the EPA to be especially attuned to our concerns and patient with our needs during these trying times. Our Duwamish River must be recovered to standards that support our community, and fishing for future generations. It will be wholly unfair and inequitable to trade a .33% cleanup cost reduction for increased human health risks. We demand health justice, especially for our community members who have been historically marginalized, silenced and disproportionately burdened with the legacy pollutants giving rise to this cleanup. The health and well-being of our community, the habitat, and the river is always a priority for us.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

In community,



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Name	Email	Please share any comments/ questions you may have with us.
(b) (6)		Clean the River please
(b) (6)		As a Seattle resident I support the DRCC to advise EPA on Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Cleanup.
(b) (6)		Seattle's only river is important to the health and livelihood of the residents and neighbors.
(b) (6)		TO REITERATE :This proposed Explanation of Significant Differences comes in very challenging times when our Duwamish Valley community members (an Environmental justice community), are already facing many difficult challenges and inequities reflected on the pandemic. The COVID-19 disparities on Duwamish Valley communities of color piled on top of existing pollution exposures has been measurable. Our community has also been hit very hard by economic hardships as we have a high proportion of service workers who have been under- and unemployed by shutdowns as well as many who are ineligible for federal and local assistance programs due to lack of legal documentation. In addition, our children and youth are experiencing educational disruption that has been difficult for families to mitigate. All these factors lead to very high stress and even trauma that has made accessing technical messaging regarding Superfund concerns especially burdensome.
(b) (6)		Please don't cut corners that risk leaving Seattle with a river that can't be fished or clammed. Our communities deserve to safely harvest from the river once it recovers. This cleanup must ensure that!
(b) (6)		Please continue the hard work of cleaning the Duwamish. Now is not the time to slow down.
(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		The long term health of the river and its ecosystem, including the humans who live near it, should take precedence over cutting costs now. We've come so far, don't give up too soon!
(b) (6)		All should benefit from the river rather than being unequally burdened by legacy and ongoing pollution.
(b) (6)		Ensure the Duwamish River clean up
(b) (6)		God Bless America!
(b) (6)		I support this effort to seek health justice, especially for community members who have been historically marginalized, silenced and burdened disproportionately with the legacy pollutants giving rise to this cleanup.
(b) (6)		What if you live by the river and have had cancer.
(b) (6)		Respectfully, corrective justice for this community should continue to be of the highest priority, in my opinion.
(b) (6)		I would like to know more about the possible health risks.
(b) (6)		It will be wholly unfair and inequitable to trade a .33% cleanup cost reduction for increased human health risks.
(b) (6)		Thank you for the advocacy

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(b) (6)		We demand justice
(b) (6)		Congratulations good job !!!!
(b) (6)		Www.adsradio.org apoya la Propuesta. Y pueden usar la radio para compartir información
(b) (6)		I support and stand with the Duwamish and the DRCC.
(b) (6)		We only have one river. Do it right!
(b) (6)		You have my support!
(b) (6)		This is a powerful letter. It voices all of my concerns.
(b) (6)		I support DRCC's position on the ESD
(b) (6)		The EPA needs to continue with the plans to clean the River according to the 2014 Record of Decision.
(b) (6)		Please continue the plans to clean the River according to the December 2014 Record of Decision!
(b) (6)		I support
(b) (6)		This is no brainer. We demand justice
(b) (6)		I would ask that EPA continue with plans to clean the River according to the December 2014 Record of Decision. As a former person living in the Pacific Northwestern, I believe that the Duwamish River must be recovered to standards that support the community, and fishing for future generations. I question the tradeoffs of a .33% cleanup cost reduction in exchange for increased human health risks. If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that it's time to act on equitable health justice, especially for community members who have been historically marginalized, silenced and burdened disproportionately with the legacy pollutants. The health and well-being of the community, the habit and the river should be a priority.
(b) (6)		We desperately need the federal government to start again to try to protect the environment.
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Thank you for your efforts protecting the river
(b) (6)		The community wants and deserves a healthy river, help us to get there.
(b) (6)		Clean rivers
(b) (6)		We demand justice
(b) (6)		I agree with the concerns listed by DRCC. Please do not change the standards listed in the ROD.
(b) (6)		As a member of the South Park community, I support this letter - we need to stick to the 2014 LDW ROD due to uncertainty about the long term effects of BaP
(b) (6)		Our children deserve a clean river to play
(b) (6)		Youth speaking for the River cleanup

Name	Email	Please share any comments/ questions you may have with us.
(b) (6)		We want our river clean
(b) (6)		I want to fish and swim
(b) (6)		How long can we work towards justice
(b) (6)		I love the river
(b) (6)		Please clean out the river
(b) (6)		Keep the river clean.
(b) (6)		Keep cleaning the Duwamish to help the South Park Community.
(b) (6)		Keep the river clean so everybody in the community is healthy
(b) (6)		Please keep the River clean it has been heat longer then all of us so why let it die?
(b) (6)		Keep the river clean! It's important to all of us
(b) (6)		Keep cleaning South Park community center pls and thank u
(b) (6)		If the river is clean it helps other and the fish
(b) (6)		We deserve a healthy river
(b) (6)		Keep the river clean! It's important to all of us
(b) (6)		Trust this community and listen to their concerns, EPA will find the best cleanup for this site.
(b) (6)		Duwamish is my River. My sister will swim on it
(b) (6)		The letter above captures my thoughts on this matter.
(b) (6)		The Duwamish Valley deserves the cleanest river possible.
(b) (6)		I think it's important to clean our River because that could be an opportunity for teens to hang out and have fun
(b) (6)		It's important to keep the river clean because it sustains many forms of life including entire ecosystems of animal and plant life. Fish also depend on its purity as trash and other contaminants are deadly. Disrupting the ecosystem can cause irreversible damage to the plant/animal/fish population as well as the surrounding plant life and the people who depend on it
(b) (6)		It's important for the river to be clean because we can have more fishing opportunities and healthier environment.
(b) (6)		I don't have no question. Thank you for your advocacy for a clean river and health
(b) (6)		Enviromental justice
(b) (6)		I dont want to see more pollution
(b) (6)		I worry for children hoping for a clean river
(b) (6)		I think it's important to clean our River because that could be an opportunity for teens to hang out and have fun

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(b) (6)		Thank you DRCC!
(b) (6)		I share the concerns above
(b) (6)		Its important to keep the river clean for the river wild life
(b) (6)		Don't got any
(b) (6)		The Duwamish is the only River in Seattle.
(b) (6)		I am signing on behalf of the Duwamish Tribe with Jolene's permission
(b) (6)		River for all!
(b) (6)		Why we don't worry about enviromental justice. We need a clean river and enviroment
(b) (6)		I agree fully with this letter
(b) (6)		The Duwamish needs to be clean fully
(b) (6)		There seems to be sufficient conflicting data on this issue that it would be premature to determine a lower health risk to the community. Cleaning up the Duwamish River is an essential imperative to our city. Now is not the time to hedge that effort on the evidence of just two studies.
(b) (6)		Good work!
(b) (6)		The Duwamish River is an important source of life for many people in Seattle. Please follow through with your original promise of clean up.
(b) (6)		In light of the uncertainty of the studies involved, the potential cost saving does not justify the health risk to the community.
(b) (6)		I stand by DRCC's concerns and comments. This is an equity and environmental issue that requires immediate attention.
(b) (6)		We must bring safe fishing back. If fish are safe people are safe
(b) (6)		I stand with DRCC letter
(b) (6)		I support the DRCC and the UW scientists 100%...there is still too much uncertainty when we are dealing with toxins that have serious consequences to health. A cautious approach is best regardless, and beyond that, these are some ridiculous bureaucratic gymnastics to go through for a \$1M savings. We should be increasing the scope of the cleanup, not reducing it.
(b) (6)		I encourage a thorough and ongoing commitment by the EPA to address the superfund site in the Duwamish River until it is cleaned to the approval of area residents.
(b) (6)		We love our city's only river and we want to protect it as best we can! Thank you.
(b) (6)		Please clean it alreedy in full!
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Health and safety of the surrounding communities

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(b) (6)		Please take our concerns seriously. The risk to our communities' health is too great. Thank you.
(b) (6)		If we care about healthy and thriving communities in our city we must fight for a clean Duwamish River!
(b) (6)		I support this Comment Letter
(b) (6)		This is not the time to raise health risks to a fragile community using uncertain data.
(b) (6)		Agree 100% with this letter
(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		The life expectancy in this area is already 8 years less than other areas of Seattle! We cannot let up on cleanup efforts, as it truly does affect the lives of the inhabitants in this area!
(b) (6)		Why to go low when you can go high?
(b) (6)		Please consider the well-being of the habitat and the generations to come which will have to live with the consequences of these decisions.
(b) (6)		I don't really understand why the Remedial Action Levels for the LDW are being raised since they still harm peoples' health. The EPA should always take precautionary measures, and lean towards being more conservative with what pollutants are allowed, especially when communities who live by and depend on the Duwamish River are still being disproportionately impacted by the pollutants continuing to be present in the sediment, river and ecosystem at large. Their health is at risk and being negatively impacted right now with the levels going in now! Please take additional precautions and do more testing and modeling to really know the impact of these contaminants before continuing with the ESD. Thank you for this opportunity to comment
(b) (6)		Duwamish is our River. Clean it!
(b) (6)		This river and all rivers need to be clean for the sake of the animal and people who need them and rely on them.

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(b) (6)		Please don't let the incredible progress being made by so many dedicated stewards of the land and water become reversed to save what would be a miniscule amount of financial burden in a time when the communities affected by this decision making are suffering catastrophic financial and health burdens. The priority of money over human livelihood is sociopathic and cannot be supported by anyone, let alone the EPA. Now that the Biden administration is in office it's expected some amount of sense and responsibility will return to the EPA, but when decisions that have a negative affect on humans and a positive effect on money are still being made, it's time to wonder if anyone in government can be trusted to protect any human if the environment they live in is unsafe and ignored by those in charge of protecting it. Would you trust your organization with your community's health if it were under the same conditions? If the answer is no, maybe it's time to shake things up in there. We are watching you. Live up to your own community expectations even for communities you don't live in - they do matter more than saving a buck.
(b) (6)		I believe EPA should stick to the original Cleanup plan because the research on toxicity Bap is not rigorous enough and we don't know the long term effects for the Duwamish community.
(b) (6)		I am standing in solidarity with DRCC to ensure the Duwamish River is recovered to standards that support community, and fishing for future generations. It will be wholly unfair and inequitable to trade a .33% cleanup cost reduction for increased human health risks. You can not put a cost of future generations well being and the precious resource the Duwamish River is. Thank you. Please do the right thing.
(b) (6)		I'm glad to lend support to this and thank you for breaking down the very technical information in your supporting materials.
(b) (6)		It is imperative that EPA fulfills its 2014 commitment to fully clean up the Duwamish River and Waterway to standards that are safe for human activities including subsistence fishing. Do not backtrack on this commitment that has been held in good faith for the past 7 years by all of the community stakeholders.
(b) (6)		Support DRCC advcoacy
(b) (6)		The River belong to us! We want it clen
(b) (6)		I support the DRCC concerns and requests, please plan to continue these clean-up efforts!
(b) (6)		We must bring safe fishing back. If fish are safe people are safe
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		Do not reduce the superfund allocation to the Duwamish River cleanup
(b) (6)		Our state agencies must maintain the control of contaminating chemicals in our waterways and ensure the health of our communities.

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(b) (6)		Please clean up the river to the highest standards. Thank you
(b) (6)		The Duwamish River and its communities have the right to the standard of cleanup in the plan, its our obligation to insure this is adhered to! Our efforts to improve the health of this river and all those that depend upon it should not be reduced, including those of the EPA.
(b) (6)		Good work!
(b) (6)		Now is not the time to slow down.
(b) (6)		I want my kids and my neighbors' kids to grow up on a healthy river!
(b) (6)		Any cutting of corners in this ecology cleanup is unacceptable. A full cleanup should be fully funded.
(b) (6)		Thank you, DRCC, for advocating for health and environmental justice NOW!
(b) (6)		How about the fish and the people? Think of protecting us
(b) (6)		Thank you for your hard work to bring the Duwamish back to being a healthy River.
(b) (6)		I believe that if the whole community puts in a hand or even information on how we can help out cleaning the river we will be a step ahead of the plan . Many toxins can come out of that river that can effect our children or our elderly family members and it's better to not have them at even more risk. If we all put a hand in to be able to clean the river we could get the job done for future generations as well for them to keep the cleaning going on . The more that we can focus in this project the more that we could get done in a few years .
(b) (6)		Definitivamente,,no se debe dar marcha atrás, en el avance de limpieza de nuestro río duwamish , ahora más que nunca se necesita, que las compañías que han sido parte de los contaminantes en el río duwamish tomen responsabilidad de sus actos.y las organizaciones que están a cargo de la justicia ambiental y en la salud obliguen a estas grandes compañías a repar el daño . que no solo afecta al río como tal.sino a la persona, a la comunidad y el presente y futuro de nuestros jóvenes y niños.
(b) (6)		When there is any doubt, and the cost is not prohibitive, and there are environmental justice issues involved, it's a no-brainer to clean to a higher standard. Everyone ultimately benefits.
(b) (6)		DRCC's analysis is excellent and shines a revealing light on the problems with EPA's decision here. Raising the Remedial Action Levels on cPaH for the Duwamish River is inconsistent with the science and with the EPA's duty to fully address the historic and contemporary toxic burdens placed on the Duwamish River. These burdens directly affect the people living around and/or using the river. I strongly oppose this change.
(b) (6)		Please dont reduce the acceptable level of toxins in the water!
(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		Es una area de la naturaleza la cual devemos cuidar

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(b) (6)		Please protect our community.
(b) (6)		Take care of our river and our neighbors!
(b) (6)		Please clean up our river to the standards that were originally promised. Our community needs and deserves a river we and our children can use and enjoy. Thank you
(b) (6)		Clean the river to the highest standard !
(b) (6)		I agree with the position of DRCC. My only concern would be that of additional environmental impact, if any, cleanup to previous levels would have in compared to the revised ESD.
(b) (6)		I support and encourage a strong, comprehensive cleanup effort in the Duwamish Valley Waterway.
(b) (6)		Clearly this work needs to begin now. It is part of the mosaic of how we take back and support our planet.
(b) (6)		Hopefully this will not only get the river cleaned up but also hold the companies who pollute and city accountable.
(b) (6)		Thank you for supporting this pandemic that we are going through. I never imagined spending this weighing the pandemic. I got pregnant, it has been difficult, but I have always supported you and other communities. Everything has been easier.
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(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		I agree with this letter
(b) (6)		Please continue to fully protect the Duwamish River and the clean-up process. My students lives depend on it!
(b) (6)		You must not look away, or trade away clean up commitments to this vital waterway. Stay the course to bring the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site (LDW) back to health!
(b) (6)		Please cleanup our river according to the December 2014 Record of Decision.
(b) (6)		I want to live next to a clean river. Now is beautiful, now needs to be healthy.
(b) (6)		I am in agreement with DRCC and UW scientists assessments surround the uncertainty of the reports on cPAHd and Benzo(a)Pyrene.
(b) (6)		Thank you for consiering public comment. We want our river clean!

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(b) (6)		We ask the EPA to be especially attuned to our concerns and patient with our needs during these trying times. Our Duwamish River must be recovered to standards that support our community, and fishing for future generations. It will be wholly unfair and inequitable to trade a .33% cleanup cost reduction for increased human health risks. We demand health justice, especially for community members who have been historically marginalized, silenced and burdened disproportionately with the legacy pollutants giving rise to this cleanup.
(b) (6)		Our Duwamish River must be clean
(b) (6)		The Duwamish must be cleaned to the highest possible standard. It is an issue of environmental justice.
(b) (6)		Excellent comments, I'm glad you are doing this important work.
(b) (6)		The EPA needs to commit to cleaning up the Duwamish River and put people's health over saving resources of money and staff by not cleaning up. Using updated data to take back previous commitments so that their budget is benefited is wrong. Especially when it concerns super fund sites and the communities that have been harmed because of the pollution. Updated data does not change the historic and present issues faced by the community of the Duwamish River Valley as a result of pollution.
(b) (6)		Great comments I support
(b) (6)		I appreciate DRCC doing this much needed research and wholeheartedly agree that funding should be maintained and prioritized for this effort of cleaning up the Duwamish River for the health of the entire ecosystem, including humans historically and presently oppressed by state and corporate violence. Thank you!
(b) (6)		I support and stand with the Duwamish and the DRCC.
(b) (6)		Thank you DRCC for your advocacy
(b) (6)		I support this letter and I want a clean River
(b) (6)		I support DRCC's advocacy.
(b) (6)		No questions, I share the concern that more study is needed.
(b) (6)		It seems to me that the requests in the second to last paragraph need to be highlighted in bold, or otherwise delineated separately so that they stand out and are not lost in the verbiage of the letter.
(b) (6)		I support the position and recommendations of DRCC. I live within the Duwamish watershed and agree that more research needs to be done, and we need stricter environmental protection and restoration. This is not the time to go backwards.
(b) (6)		I appreciate the opportunity to understand this process better, and join this letter of petition. I share the concerns over pollutants as listed above.

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(b) (6)		I support this letter and echo the concern that the health of the river, habitat, and community members, especially those who have been historically marginalized, silenced, and burdened disproportionately, should always take priority in policy and decision-making.
(b) (6)		I support any and all efforts to protect and restore the ecosystems of the Duwamish River for its human and more-than-human inhabitants, and for the water itself. It's long been time for people, companies, and governments to take responsibility and clean up the mess we've made and the harm and destruction we've caused to the Duwamish and all who've depended on it.
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(b) (6)		We live in a era where we are constantly bombarded with carcinogens and cancer rates in our societies are rising at an alarming rate. We need to be extra vigilant, and not lower the bar, when it comes to removing known carcinogens from our environments. The case of the Duwamish river is especially important as it is mostly the low income and socio-economically marginalized communities in Seattle who get exposed to the highest amount of pollutants in the city. This is a matter of environmental justice!!
(b) (6)		I'm really concerned that the studies didn't specifically look at the chemicals that were planned to be cleaned originally. It feels like this is a short-term cost savings that is will in the long-run be more costly for the community and the river.
(b) (6)		I would like to see greater scientific rationale, particularly regarding the potential health implications, involved in changing the BaP standards
(b) (6)		<3 thank you for all of the work you are doing
(b) (6)		I support the concerns in this letter. This is Environmental Justice issue. This should be the best river clean up the EPA has ever done, where expense is not spared by the polluters.
(b) (6)		I'm extremely concerned that the EPA is raising the toxicity threshold for carcinogenic chemicals in the Duwamish River. As someone who was born and raised in Seattle, the state of the Duwamish has been almost a running joke to some. I hear people say "you can't even classify it as a river."
(b) (6)		It is baffling to me that at this point, after 20 years, that cleanup would not be completed. Please reconsider this change.
(b) (6)		Put the people and their health first. No excuses.
(b) (6)		I would like to swim in the river one day with my brothers . Now we only see it from the park because is dirty and polluted . Please clean our river

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		As a frontline community, the Duwamish Valley and neighborhoods along the Duwamish River must be safeguarded, especially during this period of uncertainty as a result of the dual pandemics of racism and COVID-19. While I am not a Duwamish Valley resident, I work closely with organizations that directly serve Duwamish Valley community members. As the organization leading superfund cleanup efforts, DRCC has done a thorough job of gathering data that illustrate the damaging impacts of not only legacy pollution, but how these toxins and pollutants are further compounded by the actions and behaviors of industrial polluters that continue their operations in spite of the neighborhoods that are literally right across the street. No community is dispensable and everyone - no matter how they identify - has the right to clean water and air. This is the crux of environmental justice, and while it's impossible to reverse the impacts of toxic pollution in a healthy waterway, we can try our best to mitigate the damage that has been done. And while DRCC has made great strides in maximizing and leveraging the limited resources it has, decreasing their funding by .33% would be detrimental. At a time when public health must be prioritized, it is critical that we lift up the work of organizations that continue to ensure that the environment and conditions we live in is healthy. Cleaning up the Duwamish River goes beyond measuring water quality. Cleaning up the Duwamish River is also about holding polluters accountable, ensuring that our water resources are protected for future generations, and improving the quality of life for residents that live and work along the river. Do not cut DRCC's funding.
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(b) (6)		environmental is important
		We need to listen and support the the communities directly impacted by the Duwamish River. I share the DRCC's concerns, and want more specifics about how they will be addressed.
(b) (6)		
(b) (6)		Thank you for your work to protect South Seattle's communities.
(b) (6)		Thank you
		I am concerned about the health and safety of my neighborhood along the Duwamish river.
(b) (6)		
(b) (6)		The Duwamish Valley needs to be pollution free!
(b) (6)		Thank you for protecting our neighborhood!
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		I agree with the above.
(b) (6)		Protect our lives ! our salmon!
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Thanks for everything you do to elevate voices of communities impacted by contamination in the Duwamish River.
(b) (6)		We love our River, we love our habitat. Keep us healthy

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(b) (6)		Continued contribution of pollutants from industrial facilities and decaying roadways in the surrounding neighborhoods should also be considered when predicting required cleanup efforts.
(b) (6)		I agree
(b) (6)		I agree with these concerns. I think it would be inequitable to trade human health in an already overlooked community for a light cost saving opportunity.
(b) (6)		They need to clean more not less
(b) (6)		Happy to sign-on
(b) (6)		I support cleaning the Duwamish to the highest possible degree to support native animal and human life.
(b) (6)		Having a healthy environment for all should always be a priority.
(b) (6)		Thank you for considering public feedback. The Duwamish is a vital corridor. Please do right by the habitat and adopt the most conservative standards to diminish health and environmental risks due to lingering BaP and other cPAHs. Thanks!
(b) (6)		I am against any reduction in clean-up of the Duwamish River.
(b) (6)		I am concerned about the health and safety of my neighborhood along the Duwamish river.
(b) (6)		The new EPA regulations should not be enacted as the Duwamish clean up project is vital to the Puget Sound environment and its peoples.
(b) (6)		It is imperative that we as a community do everything possible to repair the damage that has been done to the Duwamish waterway and surrounding area. Please do not allow increased levels of toxins to be permitted in our environment - we know that these chemicals are harmful to all non-human and human life, and are responsible for the health of current and future generations who will inhabit this land.
(b) (6)		Please take care of us. Do right by the earth and it's people
(b) (6)		JUST CLEAN IT ALL
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		This needs to be a priority \$\$\$. The Duwamish has been trashed for decades and needs finances to finally heal.
(b) (6)		The Duwamish River needs as much help as it can get. Cutting corners in cleanup will cost lives and save only an insignificant amount of money.
(b) (6)		The Duwamish River is precious to all of us especially the wildlife that live in it!
(b) (6)		Clean up the Duwamish
(b) (6)		FREE THE RIVER

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(b) (6)		The Duwamish River must be recovered to standards that supports the community. There has to be health justice to community members as the health and well being and the habitat of the river is a priority and should be also to the EPA.
(b) (6)		I agree that cleanup is essential for the health of our river, the wildlife that depend on the river and our local and extended community in West Seattle and Seattle.
(b) (6)		Please take these comments seriously. We don't know the cancer risk. We can't just ignore that.
(b) (6)		Given the uncertainty described, erring on the side of caution sounds wise and reasonable.
(b) (6)		My wife told me to sign.
(b) (6)		My mother taught me to clean up my mess. Come on. Keep working on cleaning the Duwamish - increase the clean up - full court press it until it's done!
(b) (6)		Although the selection of the two newest studies is consistent with EPA guidelines, UW scientists are concerned that inconsistent results across all the studies means that there is still a high level of uncertainty about the cancer risk of BaP.
(b) (6)		Please do not lower standar
(b) (6)		I live in the neighborhood, fish in the Sound. I believe cleanup of the Duwamish should be a priority for Seattle, the State, and Federal Government and that a refreshed riverway will provide a range of benefits for people, the economy, and the local environment. I am not in favor of lessening the cleanup efforts and funding.
(b) (6)		I am a Postal Worker. I oppose this government decision.
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		I eat fish and shellfish regularly as diet from my heritage and want to trust the food I eat.
(b) (6)		Please consider the level of health risk posed by BaP and other cPAHs as equally important to those posed by the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines: potential health risks are real risks to human health and wellbeing, and should be thoroughly vetted by more than two studies.
(b) (6)		I am grateful to comment. PLEASE Pollution needs to OUT
(b) (6)		We need our natural resources to stay clean!
(b) (6)		To reiterate: We demand health justice.
(b) (6)		Our River , our future
(b) (6)		I agree with DRCC's demand for health justice for its community members.
(b) (6)		Don't put my family's health and the health of our neighborhood at risk just to save a little money. Health justice now!

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(b) (6)		I agree with this letter
(b) (6)		You can't cut cost on this without cutting quality of life.
(b) (6)		Our Duwamish River must be recovered to standards that support our community and fishing for future generations. It will be wholly unfair and inequitable to trade a .33% cleanup cost reduction for increased human health risks. We demand health justice!
(b) (6)		The Duwamish river is symbolic of the devastation caused by development and of human capacity to correct it's mistakes. Letting the clean up end before completion is the same is giving up hope for our environment.
(b) (6)		Happy to sign-on
(b) (6)		Thanks for leading this work.
(b) (6)		Thanks for bringing this awareness to a larger community.
(b) (6)		Thank you
(b) (6)		Water is life!
(b) (6)		Selectively eliminating papers that don't agree with EPA's plans for Duwamish is not an acceptable use of the science. One-third of a percent is not an acceptable cost savings when we've only used two studies to assess the lifetime toxicity of BaP. Even if those studies are correct the cost does not outweigh the current uncertainty. In addition it is incumbent upon the US government to make up for the legacy of environmental injustice by listening to those most affected by pollution. Do not reduce the Duwamish cleanup.
(b) (6)		Thank you!
(b) (6)		We are out of time to do what is necessary.
(b) (6)		Por nuestro único río. Que se salve y limpio de residuos tóxicos. "Salvemos nuestro río", para que lo disfruten las nuevas generaciones. Juntos venceremos.
(b) (6)		We have lived enough pollution already!
(b) (6)		Love my River
(b) (6)		I am in full support of DRCC's amazing work!!
(b) (6)		For those at DRCC: thank you for writing this letter. I am a graduate student at the University of Washington and echo the concerns outlined here about the ESD. There is a long history of environmental harm in this country that has burdened and continues to burden BIPOC communities and an equally long history of polluters and politicians and other people in positions of power willfully ignoring scientific evidence and the voices of affected communities. If this were to have affected affluent, majority white North Seattle residents, would we have seen different outcomes?
(b) (6)		I go with my family all the time to the river and we wish we could swim. Please clean it!